

# PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD

9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

Present: Steve VanHouse  
Tracy Tiboni  
Shane Hoff  
Jenny Bjerken  
Nathan Stadler  
Dick Stern  
Gene LaFond

Bryan Carpenter, Parks and Recreation Department

VanHouse called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

**Board Chair Appointment-** Motion by Stadler, second Tiboni to appoint VanHouse as Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

**Alternate Board Chair Appointment –** Motion by Stadler, second Bjerken to appoint Tiboni as Alternate Board Chair. MOTION CARRIED.

**Agenda** – Motion by Tiboni, second LaFond to approve the Agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**Minutes** – Motion by Bjerken, second LaFond to approve the minutes of the December 6th, 2023 regular meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Storybook Theatre has received Council approval. Discussion regarding advertising the Theatre is coming back to Silver Bay and dates to allow anyone interested to plan for it.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Arena Update** – Carpenter reported that there are no issues, January is busy with tournaments, and Reunion Hall is being used by hockey teams for meals and gathering. Discussion regarding lack of available lodging for hockey teams and BayBucks from Best of the North Shore. Outdoor Rink will be flooded when weather allows.

**Winter Programs-** Actual program numbers are not available currently but all programs are going well.

**5-Year Plan Review-** Board reviewed Recreation Goals and Strategies, pages 14-17 will remain the same. Discussion and review of Action Plans, removing of completed plans and addition of priorities:

*Arena Exterior-* front and back of building re-sided/painted and roof replaced. Discussion regarding contacting County Board to see if any funding is available in current budget and stress the importance of completing improvements to the exterior.

*Arena Interior* - discussion regarding locker room expansion, bathroom improvements, handicap accessibility, heating of downstairs bleacher area (possible Blueline Club project), and improve shooting and bleacher area.

*Recreation Park*- Discussion regarding resurfacing tennis and basketball courts, repurposing horseshoe area, with creating more parking a priority.

*Marina*- discussion regarding fishing pier, scuba divers and replacing signage.

*William Kelley School*- new dugouts and better seating.

*Mary Mac*- priority to improve ballfield, bleachers, fencing, and dugouts. Possibility of using dirt from rec field that will be removed during Trailhead building project.

*Outer Drive*- update lighting on flag display and discussion regarding dog park locations.

*Mariner Park*- repurpose area.

*Golf Course*- improve sunroom area and clear trees/brush for better view of golf course from sunroom.

*North Shore Overlook Area*- suggested to clean out brush near entrance to city and below overlook area. Discussion on who maintains trails in overlook area.

*Black Beach Park*-expand campground, more parking, kayak access, handicap area in parking area, addition of another shower house and maintenance building to campground. Discussion regarding making Black Beach more accessible to handicap.

An updated version of the Action Plans will be available for the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS** – none at this time.

Motion by Tiboni, second Bjerken to adjourn at 10:37 A.M. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Minutes taken by Lisa Christenson